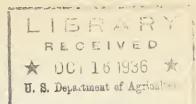
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SIMPLE ELECTRIC SOLDERING IRON
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This simple electrical field soldering iron is very useful in use on telephone work and other light soldering work that is often necessary in the field.

The construction of the outfit is very simple and is made as follows:

Carefully dismantle an old regular dry cell, such as used in telephones, taking care that the clip or binding post is not damaged. Connect a wire to this post and mount a large clip on the other end of this
wire, large enough to clip onto the post of a car storage battery. Sharpen
the carbon electrod like a pencil. Attach two more large clips to the ends
of a second wire, one end being then clipped to the negative side of the
car battery and the other to the object to be soldered. All that is necessary now is to bring the carbon electrode in contact with the object to be
soldered and an arc will result of sufficient heat to make the soldering
job very easy.

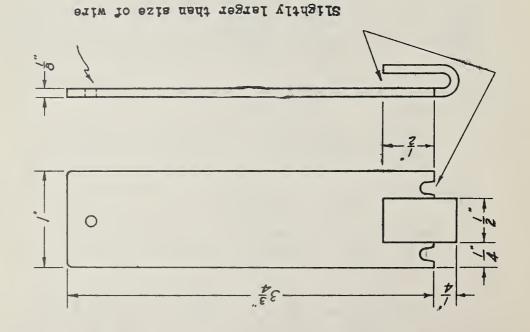
It is best that the wires be made plenty long, say ten or twelve feet, so that they will readily reach from the car battery to the object that one wishes to work on.

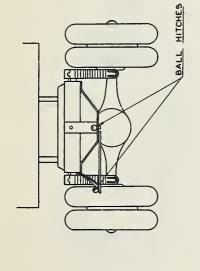
Contributed by J. N. Van Alstine, District Ranger, Jefferson National Forest.

LINESMAN'S TOOL FOR TYING LINE WIRE TO INSULATOR

In making a tie to an insulator the tie-wire is first put around the insulator and given a half-turn around the line wire by hand. The "U" shaped end is then slipped over the line wire with the loose end of the tie wire fitting in one of the grooves. The tool is then twisted around the line wire with the hand until the desired number of wraps is secured. The upper end of the tool may also be used. When this is used the tie wire is run through the hole and the tool is turned around the line wire as with the other end of the tool. This end of the tool gives a slightly looser wrap then the "U" end.

Dimensions may be changed to suit the conditions under which the tool is used. The tool has been used for a number of years by different telephone companies in Virginia.



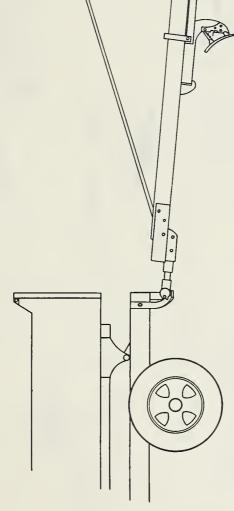


NOTE - THIS RIG WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM A 4-HORSE GRADER.

THE FRONT ASSEMBLY WAS REMOVED AND A BALL HITCH ATTACHED SO THAT IT COULD BE PULLED BY A TRUCK.

THE REAR AXEE WAS FITTED WITH RUBBER TIRED WHEELS.

THE TRUCK HAS TWO HITCHES; ONE FOR PATROLLING THE SHOULDER AND THE OTHER FOR THE CENTER OF THE ROAD.



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